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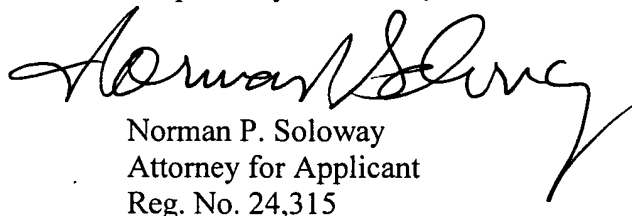
Claims 13-18 have been amended to obviate the §101 rejection. More particularly, claims 13-18 have been modified to positively recite a mechanism for carrying out the arithmetic operation. No new matter has been added by these changes.

With regard to cipher 3 of the Action, actually a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 was filed with Applicant's last Amendment. A copy of the return acknowledgment postcard and a copy of the PTO-stamped Declaration retrieved from the PAIR system are enclosed confirming same was received by the Patent Office. (A copy of the previously submitted 131 Declaration also is enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner). With the filing of the 131 Declaration, Ishiwaki is removed as citable prior art in this case. Without Ishiwaki, none of the art rejections can be maintained.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

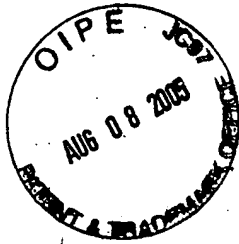
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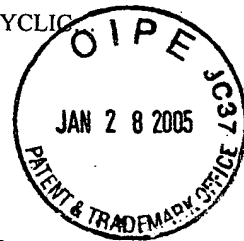
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AMENDMENT A

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1. Form PTO-2038
 2. Petition for One Month Extension (1 pg)
 3. Amendment A (10 pgs)
 4. Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 (2 pgs)
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